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THE REPUBLICAN HAS A LARGER CIRCULATION THAN ANY OTHER MORNING PAPER IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

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MONDAY MORNING, NOV. 17, 1873.

Use and support of the distinction which

now threaten to be found in the certainty

that upon a very slight proportion, the

Spanish free blacks, numbering 35,000,

and the native Cubans of equal strength, will

rise some day in insurrectionary revolt in

the city of Havana. Fifty thousand blood-thirsty

wretches, seeking vengeance for wrongs,

real and imaginary, will some time in the

not far distant future electify and horrify

the civilized world with a record of their

cruelty and cruelty. Naturally the native

Cubans are a peaceable and patient

people, while the Spanish-speaking blacks

have for centuries submitted to the odious

impositions of proscription and the

impositions of law against their interests, until

they have been driven to a desperate and

unhappy fate. But the latest delusion

in their veins, through which courses the

blood of the tropics, once aroused, they

will lay aside their usual character of

fervor, and the eruption may come at any

hour. In the meantime let us hold the

policy which we profess to follow, and

seek vengeance to a strict accountability.

They must know the danger which surrounds

them, and knowing it should make provision

to avert it. But their conduct is such

that their impending doom. Promise after

promise has been made by them to reform

the abuses under which the people are be-

coming so sorely, but not a single promise

has been fulfilled. The island is a scene

of direct representation in the Government,

slavery exists throughout its length and

breadth, and it is ruled by officials of

Spanish birth, who are naturally the enemies

and oppressors of the native blacks. These

facts are often used now-a-days as argu-

ments to prove that it is the duty of the

United States, not as an act of humanity,

but in order to preserve its rights and

privileges, to assume the responsibility of a

protectorate over the island. We know very

well that under existing circumstances the

American people suffer in the loss of

profits from the trade in sugar and coffee,

and our commerce with Cuba more than

the cost of a war with Spain; but we have

no pretext hereof to forcibly demand a

revocation or moderation of these discrim-

inations. Now that the pretext for such

demand is furnished by the outrage against

our flag committed by the Spanish author-

ities we would be craven, indeed, not to take

advantage of it. But it is to be hoped that

the people will not be so easily deceived

by the Spanish authorities in Cuba as to be

of their own interests and disregard of ours,

or cruel and inhuman in the conduct of the

administration of affairs on the island, there

for every reason to believe that President

Castelar is earnest when he promises a

satisfactory solution of the pending diffi-

culty. It is true that he may not be able to

execute his designs or desires, and that his

orders for the present may be only a

pious fraud, and we may as well begin

now to calculate the responsibility

which will rest upon us as a Government if

they are disobeyed; but we must not forget

that our duty as a Government is to

THE VIRGINIA ELECTION.

The smoke has not yet fully cleared away from the late Virginia battle-field, but the returns indicate that the victory has not been decided. The election of 1870 was a close one, the same for Grant in 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 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